

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated August 4, 2005. Claims 118 to 136 are pending in the application, of which six are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 125 to 131 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly not being limited to tangible embodiments. Applicants have amended the specification to make it clear that the intangible embodiments mentioned in the rejection are examples of how a computer-readable medium may be accessed. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Claim 120 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to Page 60, Lines 1 to 7 of the specification in which an illustrative example is given of when modification of a quality of service may be required. In addition, Claim 120 has been amended to read "modifying alters the media browsing session from a form reproducible by communication between the first device to a form reproducible by the second device." Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Claims 118 and 125 to 131 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,826,613 (Wang). Claims 119 to 124 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Wang in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,349,337 (Parsons). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

The present invention concerns a method for managing a portable browsing session. In a system in accordance with various embodiments of the present invention, a first device as operated by a user, establishes a media browsing session from a remote

media server. The media server then delivers the media browsing session to the first device for reproduction thereon. At some later time, the user of the first device operates the first device to transfer the same media browsing session to another (second) device. As a consequence of those actions, the identity of the second device is retrieved by the first device, communicated to the media browsing server, which then operates to cease the media browsing session on the first device and to commence the same media browsing session on the second device. Furthermore, in a system in accordance with Claim 118, the session client is a destination device.

Turning now to the claims, amended independent Claim 118 is directed to a method of transferring a media browsing session from a first device to a second device. The method comprises establishing via the first device a media browsing session upon the first device and sourced via a media browsing server and detecting user actuation of a control on the first device. The user actuated control causes the first device to transfer to the second device details of the media browsing session, receive from the second device an identification thereof known to the media browsing server and transfer the received identification of the second device to the media browsing server. The media browsing server thereby terminates an output of the media browsing session to the first device and directs the output of the media session to the second device.

In contrast, Wang discloses an intelligent switch which operates between a client computer 110 and a number of memory devices as seen in Figs. 1A and 1B. The purpose of the switch 120 in Wang is to direct transactions to either one of the storage devices 130, 135. Accordingly, depending upon the commands received from the client 110, the switch 120 can then direct the storage of data to either one of the devices 130, 135. As further illustrated in Fig. 1B, the switch 120 can also direct the transfer of data from one

device 130 (135) to the other device 135 (130). Furthermore, the client is remote from the switch and the destination devices

In a system in accordance with Claim 118, the user interacts with the browser client which is located at one of the devices to both initiate the browser session at that one device and to transfer the browser session to the other device. The client devices are both the destinations of data and also the source of commands that cause the delivery of data. In Wang, the client and the storage devices are inherently separate and the storage devices, which are destinations for data transfer, merely responds to instructions received. As disclosed by Wang, the client, which is remote from either device, does not perform both the actions mentioned above. In particular, a system in accordance with the disclosures of Wang does not perform the latter which is disclosed as "transparent to the user." (See Wang, Abstract).

In light of the deficiencies of Wang as discussed above, Applicants submit that amended independent Claim 118 is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests same.

Amended independent Claims 125 to 127 are directed to computer-readable media substantially in accordance with the method of Claim 118. Accordingly, Applicants submit that Claims 125 to 127 are also now in condition for allowance and respectfully request same.

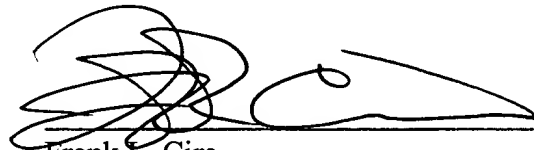
Amended independent Claims 129 to 131 are directed to apparatuses substantially in accordance with the method of Claim 118. Accordingly, Applicants submit that Claims 129 to 131 are also now in condition for allowance and respectfully request same.

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed allowable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the allowability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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